

NEWS FROM THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

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ONLY 19 WORK DAYS LEFT UNTIL JULY 1ST!

MEET OUR NEW STAFF

Diane Powers is our new Information Technology Analyst. Diane has 25 years of I.T. experience. She can be reached at 406-496-6092.

Barb Kain has been hired as our H.R. Director. Barb has 32 years of State H.R. experience. Her schedule in the Butte office is Tues, Wed, and Thurs from 8 – 4. She can be reached at (406) 496-6091.

Carleen Henderson is Harry Freebourn's current Administrative Assistant, she is a recent graduate of Montana Tech, and has been hired as our Accountant. She will keep some of her current duties, such as motor pool and travel when she begins her new position on July 1st. She can be reached at (406) 496-6085.



UPCOMING PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION MEETING

June 29th – A joint meeting with the Law and Justice Interim Committee from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. with a press conference set for 3:00 at 44 W. Park, Butte.

June 30th – Commission meeting to be held at the Best Western Plaza Inn, 2900 Harrison Ave, Butte, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

OUR ADDRESS

We are located in beautiful uptown Butte at:

44 West Park Street

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Regional Deputy Public Defender Positions:

The following regional positions were recently filled by:

Kalispell Region 1 – **John Putikka**
Missoula Region 2 – **Ed Sheehy**
Great Falls Region 3 – **Kristina Neal**
Helena Region 4 – **Jeremy Gersovitz**
Butte Region 5 – **Sherrie Petrovich-Staedler**
Havre Region 6 – **Dan Boucher**
Lewistown Region 7 – **Doug Day**
Bozeman Region 8 – **Peter Ohman**
Billings Region 9 – **Carl DeBelly**
Glendive Region 10 – **Ali Moulton**

Chief Hood's Corner

I want you to know that everyone here in the Central Office and all of the Regional Deputy Public Defenders are working hard to ensure a smooth transition to the Statewide System on July 1st!

- Randi

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: I am a county employee that will be transferred to state employment on July 1, 2006. What will happen to my compensatory time?

Answer: Under Senate Bill 146, the State Public Defender bill, counties must handle compensatory time prior to state assumption as it does *not* transfer over upon assumption. You may need to talk with your county Human Resources/Payroll office about this leave.

Question: I am a county employee that will be transferred to state employment on July 1, 2006. When will I receive my first state paycheck?

Answer: July 19th will be your first paycheck for the week of July 3rd. This paycheck will contain 1 week's pay. For a complete pay schedule for FY 2007 go to :

<http://hr.mt.gov/Payroll/BenefitsDeductionCalendar2006.xls>

Benefit Info

The Department of Administration's HR folks, Casi Hunter and Barb Kain will be visiting the following regional offices:

Great Falls on June 16, 2006

Great Falls on June 23, 2006